



Complete Streets 6 Month Pilot Project FAQs

What is the purpose of the Complete Street 6 Month Pilot Project?

The Monterey Road Complete Street 6 Month Pilot Project is intended to gauge if a lane reduction will:

- Improve livability and economic vitality
- Enhance the pedestrian environment
- Safely accommodate bicyclists
- Reduce noise and air pollution
- Create attractive, thriving and vibrant community gathering place
- Foster a safe and inviting experience for all
- Preserve mobility for those accessing businesses, schools, services, transit and other key destinations.

Why wasn't the Community informed?

Significant outreach has been done in relation to the Complete Streets Project including: meetings with downtown residents and businesses, community meetings, email blasts, information on Facebook and Twitter, information posted to Nextdoor, information on the City website and the MHDowntown.com website.

Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Association have both assisted in sharing information

Nobody wants this. Why is the City doing this?

The concept of narrowing Monterey Road to one lane in each direction has actually been discussed back and forth ever since Monterey Road ceased being used as Highway 101. It is suggested in our General Plan and the downtown specific plan to support a truly pedestrian-friendly, human-scale downtown where people, rather than cars, are emphasized. It has been formally reviewed in the past and the community brought it up during the downtown projects outreach meetings. The project has been reviewed by the City Council twice. A weekend demonstration was performed in October. A community online survey was done during the weekend demonstration.

The community survey done in October indicated that our community (including downtown businesses) were evenly split for and against doing a six month pilot. The City Council felt there was value in doing the pilot so that an informed decision could be made for long term.

Will the new buffered bike lane remove parking from downtown?

NO... The buffered bike lane configuration will not remove any parking.

Why is this six month trial being done before the parking structure is built?

We have many downtown projects that all need to be completed by the end of this calendar year as they are funded by bond money that is required to be spent by the end of December 2015. The complete street 6 month pilot does not remove any downtown parking.

Will the new configuration allow for emergency vehicles to travel safely through downtown?

YES, both Fire and Police have been involved in planning for this and providing input. The buffered bike lane option actually provides a better option for emergency vehicle travel through the downtown than the current configuration as there is no confusion as to where to pull over to.

Why would the City remove a traffic lane to create a bicycle lane?

The goal of the complete street pilot is to calm traffic allowing the downtown to be more pedestrian friendly, family friendly and bike friendly ...enhancing the experience of downtown for residents, businesses and visitors alike. To achieve this goal, it was determined that reducing Monterey Road to one lane in each direction might be valuable to test. Through meetings with the community, city council and a weekend demonstration, the buffered bike lane was the chosen configuration for the repurposing of the number 2 lane.

Can the buffered bike lane be used for skateboards and scooters?

No, the buffered bike line is only for bikes.

How will it be determined if this will be permanent?

Significant data will be collected during the 6 month pilot including 16 performance measures, two more community surveys and data being collected from the downtown businesses on a monthly basis. There will be check -ins with the City Council. All data will be presented and shared with the Community and the City Council. Ultimately the City Council will make the final decision.

Won't this hurt our downtown businesses?

Research indicates that implementing complete streets projects usually is positive for downtown businesses and causes them to flourish, with increased foot traffic and sales. However, we are very sensitive to our downtown businesses success and will be tracking closely any impacts to them, both positive and negative.

I have concerns who should I communicate with?

Contact Maureen Tobin at 408.310.4706 or maureen.tobin@morganhill.ca.gov

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